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South Dakota Man Pleads Guilty to Burglary at Sitting Bull College

BISMARCK - Acting United States Attorney Lynn Jordheim announced that on June 21, 2010, **Jesse W. Village Center**, 34, of Little Eagle, South Dakota, pleaded guilty before United States District Court Daniel L. Hovland to a charge of burglary.

In November 2009 Village Center broke into a garage at the Sitting Bull College campus in Fort Yates, North Dakota, and stole a 2003 Chevrolet pickup. Village Center took the pickup to the Grand River Casino near Mobridge, South Dakota, and was identified on the casino's video surveillance as the driver of the vehicle. Village Center abandoned the pickup south of Isabel, South Dakota, and was located walking on the roadway and arrested. The pickup sustained front-end damage.

The charge of burglary carries a statutory maximum penalty of five years in prison and \$250,000 fine.

The case was investigated by the Bureau of Indian Affairs - Standing Rock Agency, the Mobridge (South Dakota) Police Department, the Dewey County (South Dakota) Sheriff's Office, and Cheyenne River (South Dakota) Police Department.

Sentencing for Village Center has been scheduled for September 10, 2010, in United States District Court in Bismarck, North Dakota, at 9:00 a.m.

Assistant United States Attorney Rick Volk is prosecuting the case.

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